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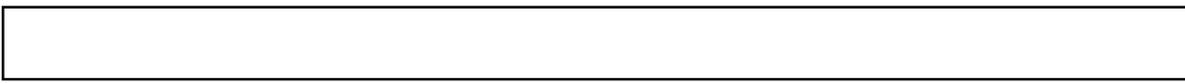


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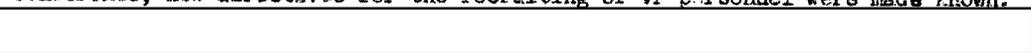
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1. On 26 September 1953, a conference of the chiefs of the Bezirksregistrierverwaltungen (Bezirk recruiting headquarters) was held at Hohenstuecken. At this conference, new directives for the recruiting of VP personnel were made known.



- a. Effective 1 October 1953, the recruiting for the VP will be placed on a new basis. Recruiting commissions will be established in all East German Bezirke and Kreise. Commissions for Bezirke will include representatives of the SED, the DFD, the FDJ, the FDGB, the GST, the KVP, the HVDVP, the HVDGP and the SFS. Commissions for Kreise will have the same composition but they will not include representatives of the HVDGP and SFS. However, Kreise in border districts will include a representative of the VDCP. Special directives will be issued for the six large cities by the SED. Any recruiting activities by agencies other than the commissions established will be forbidden. All recruiting efforts will have to be directed at individual persons; any recruiting activities by mass organizations, and any propaganda in motion picture theaters, through posters, the press, radio trucks and other means will henceforth be forbidden.
- b. All male citizens from 18 to 45 years old may be recruited for the VP if they meet health requirements and are considered politically reliable. Candidates from the workers' and farmers' classes will be given priority. Suggestions made by the SED and its affiliated mass organizations for the recruiting of VP personnel will be heeded. The help of the GST and DFD is to be utilized. Candidates who have relations to the West are to be checked carefully.
- c. Apprentices, students of secondary schools and technical schools students of colleges and universities, full-time party functionaries and elected members of party executive boards, functionaries of the FDJ, railroad employees and workers, employees and workers of the Wismuth AG must not be approached in connection with recruiting efforts.
- d. The BRV or KRA is in charge of the technical organization of recruiting efforts. The recruiting itself will be conducted by members of the HVDVP or the KRA. Candidates who apply for service with the VP will have to submit a filled out questionnaire, a life history, an application, a character rating made out by the

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SED or PDJ, a character rating made out by the enterprise in which the candidate had been employed, police record, the so-called K-Index and physical inspection sheet.

- e. The assignment of the recruited candidates will be made by the representative of the KVP and the HVDVP in conjunction with a representative of the HVDGP on the basis of a pre-arranged proportional rate. Selections for the forces controlled by the State Secretariat for State Security will be made by the representative of the KVP. In cases of dispute the decision will be made by the chairman of the Kreis commission. Inducted personnel will be assigned on the basis of the following proportional rate:
- (1) 18-year olds: 70 percent KVP, 25 percent HVDGP, 5 percent SFS .
  - (2) 19-year olds: 50 percent KVP, 25 percent HVDVP, 20 percent HVDGP, 5 percent SFS .
  - (3) 20- to 29-year olds: 45 percent HVDVP, 50 percent HVDGP, 5 percent SFS .
  - (4) 30 - to 44-year olds: 100 percent HVDVP.
- f. Personnel recruited for the KVP will be sent to the induction offices made known in GVS-Tgb. No 670/53 dated 23 July 1953. Prospective drivers will be sent to Hohenstuecken. From the pool of personnel recruited for the KVP, the VPL, VP Sea and officer candidate schools will be brought to authorized strength. Personnel recruited for the HVDVP will directly be assigned to their units by the VPKA. Personnel recruited for the HVDGP will be notified by the HVDGP representative of the Bezirk commission where they have to report. Personnel recruited for the SFS will be sent to the SFS agencies to which they have been assigned.
- g. Personnel recruited for the KVP and HVDVP will be issued by the KRA an induction certificate and a ticket to the place where they have to report. The identity card of the inducted persons will be forwarded alongside with all the other pertinent records to the new unit of the person involved through BfV. Transportation for SFS candidates will be provided by the SFS officer attached to the Bezirk commission. The candidates involved will be issued by KfA a ticket to the seat of the Bezirk commission, where they will be taken over by the SFS representative. 25X1

25X1 2. [redacted] Lieutenant Colonel Horst Gebauer living at Grossenhain and born on 22 October 1916 was the new chief of the BRV in Chemnitz. Gebauer was a first sergeant in the former German Army and attended a KVP school for two years.

25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. Recruiting for the various branches of the VP and the SSD had previously not been conducted on a uniform basis. The new regulations indicate that the military branches of the VP will be given priority. These branches will be assigned to the bulk of the younger year classes. The previous method of mass recruiting was given up and was replaced by a careful screening of politically reliable elements from the ranks of the SED and its affiliated organizations. The characteristic feature of the new system is the tendency to make the VP into a more reliable instrument than before, stress being laid on quality rather than on numbers. The entire recruiting is to be conducted on a military basis. The fact that the basic order regulating the recruiting of VP personnel was signed by Lieutenant General Karl Heinz Hoffmann indicates the wide power given to the chief of the KVP. The abbreviations used in the report have the following meanings:

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DFD: Dienst fuer Deutschland (Service for Germany)  
FDJ: Freie Deutsche Jugend (Free German Youth)  
FDGB: Freier Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund (Association of Free German Trade Unions)  
GST: Gesellschaft fuer Sport und Technik (Athletic and Technical Association)  
KVP: Kasernierte Volkspolizei, inclusive of VP Air and VP Sea.  
HVDVP: Hauptverwaltung der Deutschen Volkspolizei (Main Administration of the German VP)  
HVDGP: Hauptverwaltung der Deutschen Grenzpolizei (Main Administration of the German Border Police)  
DDR: Deutsche Demokratische Republik (German Democratic Republic)  
Trapo: Transportpolizei (Transportation police)  
BRV: Bezirks Registrierungsverwaltung (Bezirk Recruiting Headquarters)  
KRA: Kreis Registrierabteilung (Kreis Recruiting Office)  
SfS : Staatssekretariat fuer Staatssicherheit (State Secretariat for State Security)  
GVS: Geheime Verschlusssache (classified military information)  
VITA: Volkspolizei Kreisamt (VP Kreis Office)

25X1A 2.  Comment. Previously, Lieutenant Colonel Schmueser (fnu) was chief of the BRV in Chemnitz. Prior to the fall of 1952, Lieutenant Colonel Gebauer had been commanding officer of the then KWID 1916 in Grossenhain.

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